

Highway Construction: Quarterly Update

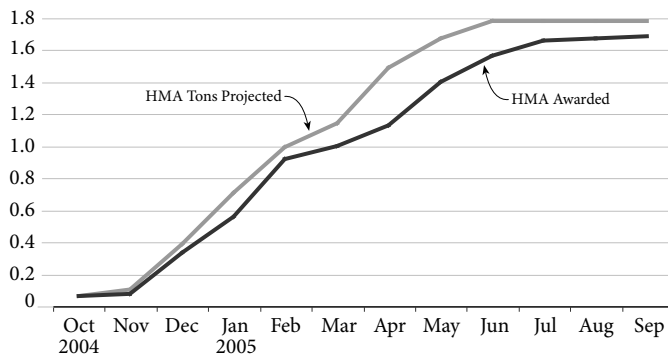
Hot Mix Asphalt for Awarded Contracts

In October 2004, WSDOT forecasted that contracts for 1,779,826 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) would be awarded throughout the State by September 2005. The final amount was 1,685,394 tons awarded, which was 95% of the original forecast.

The award of HMA closely matched the forecast amount for the first few months, beginning in October 2004 through March 2005. In April 2005 the tons of HMA awarded lagged behind the original forecast, primarily the result of a couple of planned projects not being awarded due to higher than estimated bids. By September 2005 the tons awarded had closed some but not all of the gap.

2005 Hot Mix Asphalt Tons Awarded

Millions of Tons



Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement - Projected vs. Actual, 2002-2005

In Tons, Through September of each year

Year	Projected	Actual	% Difference
2002	1,373,465 ¹	1,364,021	-1%
2003	1,417,126	1,825,442	+29% ²
2004	1,324,218	1,299,377	-2%
2005	1,779,826	1,685,394	-5%

¹ The projection for 2002 was revised in March 2002 by the Transportation Commission following budget cuts.

² The 2003 "Nickel" Transportation Funding Package was passed after the projection was made for 2003. WSDOT subsequently awarded five projects from the Nickel funding package with a combined total of 315,285 tons of HMA.



These pictures tell the story of a Hot Mix Asphalt paving job on SR 2 near Orondo. To the left, trucks haul in the Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) to the road site.



A truck, transfer vehicle, and paving machine place the HMA.



A roller compacts the HMA, and the road is repaved. A quality check and some restriping come next, then the road is open for business.